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ROME FOR FAO

1. SENATOR PEARSON'S AIDE, RUDOLPH ROUSSEAU, ACCOMPANIED BY AID LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICER THOMAS GILLILAND ARRIVED BAMAKO JULY 20 ON US C-130 FROM POPE AFB, NORTH CAROLINA.

2. TEAM TALKED WITH GOM OFFICIALS BAMAKO ON DROUGHT SITUATION BEFORE VISITING EFFECTED AREAS OF TIMBUKTU JULY 24 (SEE BAMAKO 2311), AND GAO JULY 25.

3. POLITICAL OFFICER RUFUS STEVENSON ALONG WITH AID REGIONAL PROGRAM OFFICER DR. PAUL SAENZ FLEW WITH TEAM TO GAO JULY 25 ON US C-130 GRAIN RUN AND SPENT MORNING DISCUSSING AND VIEWING EFFECTS DROUGHT IN CITY.

4. TEAM MET AND TALKED WITH COMMANDANT MADOU MAREKO (HEAD OF ARMY IN VI REGION), THE ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE CRECLE (CHEF DU CABINET OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE VI REGION IN GAO) AND MR. SIDIBE (MEMBER OF THE GRAIN DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, GAO.) ACCORDING TO MR. SIDIBE, THE CITY OF GAO SUPPLIES GRAINS TO THE 5 CERCLES OF GAO, KIDAL, BOUREM, MENAKA AND ANSONGO. AT PRESENT, US GRAIN HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

OTHER GRAINS MILLET/SORGHUM

GAO	94 MT	40 MT
KIDAL	92 MT	20 MT
BOUREM	48.5 MT	20 MT
MENAKA	74 MT	32 MT
ANSONGO	58 MT	25 MT
TOTAL - 503.5 MT		

5. A TOTAL OF 1000 MT ARE NEEDED EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO MEET NEEDS OF AREA ACCORDING TO COMMANDANT MAREKO WHO ASKED FOR MORE GRAIN VIA US AIRLIFTS (SEE REFTEL A AND B). HE ALSO MENTIONED CRITICAL LACK OF TRUCKS NEEDED FOR DISTRIBUTING THESE FOODSTUFFS. AT PRESENT, TEN TRUCKS ARE USED FOR ALL 5 CERCLES. THEY ARE USED ON ROTATIONAL BASIS I.E., FIVE TRUCKS ARE SENT TO A CERCLE FOR ONE MONTH WHERE FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED WITHIN CERCLE ON A MONTHLY BASIS (250 GRAMS PER DAY PER PERSON PER MONTH.)

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6 COMMANDANT MAREKO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISPERSE ENOUGH GRAIN IN EACH CERCLE TO LAST EACH RECIPIENT 2 TO 3 MONTHS AT A TIME THUS REDUCING THE HEAVY DEMAND ON HIS LIMITED TRUCK TRANSPORT. THIS WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL GRAIN FLIGHT TO GAO EACH DAY IN ORDER TO BUILD UP A SUFFICIENT STOCK FOR A 2/3 MONTH DISTRIBUTION.

7. AT PRESENT TIME, GRAIN IS GOING DIRECTLY FROM PLACES TO

DISTRIBUTION CENTERS TO RECIPIENT WITH NO BUFFER STOCKS BEING SAVED.

CONCLUSION: SENATOR PEARSON'S AIDE ROUSSEAU AND AID OFFICER GUILLILAND LEFT BAMAKO JULY 27 FOR WASHINGTON AFTER SEVEN DAYS IN MALI VIEWING DROUGHT AREAS. IN ADDITION, THEY BOTH HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH AID REGIONAL PROGRAM OFFICER DR. PAUL SAENZ, INTERVIEW WITH HEAD OF NATIONAL GENDARMERIE (CHEF DE CORPS DE LA GENDARMERIE NATIONALE) ABDEULAYE DIALLO, VISITED A PEACE CORPS PROJECT WITH PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR JACK E. BURCH, TOURED THE CENTRAL VETERINARY LABORATORY (AID PROJECT LOCATED IN BAMAKO), AND MADE A TRIP BY CAR TO SEGOU - CAPITAL OF THE IV REGION. BOTH AGREED TRIP HAD BEEN BENEFICIAL IN UNDERSTANDING CONDITION OF MALI'S DROUGHT PROBLEM.

COMMENT:

IF 503.5 METRIC TONS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED FROM GAO TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS, THAT FIGURE WOULD REPRESENT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GRAIN DELIVERED TO GAO BY THE U.S. AIRLIFT. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE OTHER 20 PER CENT NOT MENTIONED, COULD BE IN WAREHOUSES AWAITING DELIVERY AT A LATER DATE AS SOON AS TRUCKING BECOMES AVAILABLE IN THE VARIOUS CERCLES. KUNIHOLM

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